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—OF THE—

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

South Bethel Baptist Association

HELD WITH

PENIEL CHURCH, CLARKE COUNTY, ALA.,

SEPTEMBER 29th & 30th & OCTOBER 1st & 2nd, 1898.

OFFICERS.

C. W. BURGE, Moderator.....Thomasville, Ala.

J. H. CREIGHTON, Clerk & Treas.....Whatley, Ala.

The next session will be held with the Thomasville Baptist Church, Thomasville, Ala., beginning on Tuesday before the First Sunday in October, 1899.

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MINUTES.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the South Bethel Association was held with Peniel Church, at Nealton, in Clarke county, Ala., on Thursday, September 29th, 1898, at 10:30 a. m.

Called to order by the Clerk, J. H. Creighton. W.V. Vice conducted the devotional exercises, after which the introductory sermon was preached by R. K. Benson, from Mark 5, 41: "Arise."

Association adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The association was called to order by the Clerk. Prayer by J. D. Harper. In the absence of the Moderator, J. R. Cowan, the association elected C. H. Morgan temporary Moderator.

C. W. Burge and J. W. Matthews read the letters from the churches, and the churches and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Amity—R. A. Tharp, J. A. Hill, J. A. Tharp.
Antioch—J. C. Joiner, J. E. Payne, H. C. Cabaniss.
Asberry—W. L. Hunter, G. A. Pool.
Bassett's Creek—T. D. Daniel.
Canetouchy—J. W. Webb, S. H. Johnson, J. W. Wilson.
Clarkesville—James Coates, V. A. Coates.
Deep Creek—J. E. Nichols, J. R. Walker, J. B. Barnes.
Elam—P. L. Williams. Oma Griffin, W. B. Jarvis.
Enon—John McGilberry, Mrs. M. McGilberry, Miss E. Antery.
Forest Springs—R. C. Brown, Lee McClinton, Miss Bettie Crenshaw.
Friendship—J. E. Purvis, T. A. Howell, B. B. Anderson.
Fulton—Charles Hendley, M. M. Danzey.
Grove Hill—Isaac Pugh, W. D. Dunn, J. J. Brackett.
Hoboken—Reuben James, Mrs. Nancy James.
Horeb—J. H. Creighton, J. H. Hart.
Jackson—Henry Fendley, T. I. Kimbell.
Lower Peach Tree—C. H. Morgan, Mrs. C. H. Morgan.
Midway—C. W. Burge.
Mt. Gilead—W. H. Bell, Peter Emmerson, Mrs. S. J. Bell,
Mt. Vernon—W. J. Spinks, J. J. Antery.
New Prospect—A. W. Ethridge, W. J. Clanton.
Peniel—J. W. Matthews, D. A. Standley, G. A. McIntyre.
Pine Hill—E. D. Adams, W. B. Shamberger.
Pleasant Grove—J. Pettis, J. W. Bumpers, J. S. Finch.
River Hill—Henry White, J. D. Harper, J. J. Lambert.
Rockville—R. C. Blackwell.
Round Hill—D. A. Sheens, Dana Moseley.
Salem—R. K. Benson, E. P. Larimore.
Stave Creek—R. J. W. DeWitt, H. P. W. Howell, M. A. Stringer.
Thomasville—W. A. Parker.
Ulconush—J. W. Fluker, E. R. McIntyre, A. D. Miller.
West Bend—A. J. Pace, T. J. Cowan.
Witch Creek—Woodie Cunningham, M. L. Dunigan.

The association elected permanent officers. C. W. Burge was elected Moderator. C. H. Morgan declined, and J. H. Creighton was elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the association.

Correspondents were called for and the following responded: J. J. Pipkins, W. V. Vice and J. M. Roden from the Bethel Association, G. L. Sutton from the Elam, W. A. Parker representative of the State Board of Missions, and J. H. Creighton representing the Alabama Baptist.

Petitionary letters were called for, when Charles Hendley and M. M. Danzy presented a letter from the Fulton Church asking for admission into this association, which was granted and delegates enrolled.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report during the session of this body:

On Preaching—Pastors and Deacons of Peniel church.

On Pinance—A. J. Pace, J. S. Finch, H. P. W. Howell.

On Nominations, Documents and Requests—J. W. Mathews, E. D. Adams, M. M. Danzey.

On Appointment—J. H. Creighton, W. A. Parker, W. B. Shamberger.

C. W. Burge read the following report on Bible and Colportage work:

Your committee regret to have to report that little or no Colportage work has been done in the bounds of this association during the last associational year. The committee one year ago recommended that our pastors be furnished with bibles, testaments and other religious books, taking them to their several appointments and selling them on commissions. Your committee thinks the reason so little has been done in that way is that so few of our pastors are prepared to carry books. We believe this is one of the most important branches of our work and we cannot afford to neglect it. Our people are becoming more and more a reading people. The country is being flooded with trashy and pernicious literature which is having a bad influence on the minds of the young. To counteract this influence we would recommend to your body that if a suitable man can be secured that he be employed as a Colportuer to visit all the churches and every community in our bounds and stir up our people on the importance of religious reading.

Respectfully submitted, C. W. Burge, Chairman.

After remarks by C. W. Burge, A. W. Etheridge, G. L. Sutton, J. W. Matthews and C. H. Morgan, the report was referred to a committee composed of W. A. Parker, J. H. Creighton and C. H. Morgan.

Adjourned until 9:30 Friday.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The association was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by R. S. W. DeWitt.

R. J. W. DeWitt read the following report on aged and infirm ministers:

This is an enterprise second to none, fostered by our association, but very little is ever said on this very important enterprise, only in our association. Such being the case, it received but a meagre support last

year, the small sum of $38.22 was contributed to be distributed among our worthy Sisters Dewitt, Hickson and Everett. It is an imperative duty of our churches to take care of our aged and affirm ministers and their widows. We would recommend that this matter be oftener presented to our churches, believing that it will lead to an increase of contributions for this worthy cause. R. J. W. DeWitt, Chairman.

After remarks by R. J. W. DeWitt, W. V. Vice and C. H. Morgan, the report was adopted.

W. B. Shamberger made the following report on religious literature:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: We believe this is one of the most important subjects before our body—the cultivation of the human mind and heart, is a very important subject. We believe God requires of us to cultivate the talents He has given us, and the best way for us to do this is by the reading of good and pure religious literature. We believe that God's word should come first. There are so many books and so much literature that fail to teach God's truths as they are taught by Him in His word, that it is difficult for a great many of us to know what is best for us to read and put before our children; some resemble the truth so much that it is hard to detect, and it behooves us to be very careful or we or our children will be misled. We, as your committee, recommend that the Alabama Baptist State and Georgia Mission Journals, also, the Texas Baptist Standard, the Colporter, be taken and read in every Baptist home throughout the land. Also, the Home Field and the Sunday School Literature, published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. Shamberger.
W. A. Tharp.

which was discussed by J. H. Creighton, W. A. Parker, E. D. Adams and J. J. Pipkins. The report was adopted.

The association then took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon, 1:30.

The association assembled in the house. Prayer by W. A. Tharp. J. J. Pipkins read the following report on the Orphan's Home:

Our Baptist Orphans' Home is now permanently located at Evergreen, Ala. For the last twelve months it has been under repairs with several much needed additions. There are 53 orphans in the Home which God has committed to our care and pledged us with their support. Every Baptist in the State ought to feel a personal responsibility to God for his or her part in the support of these orphans. Statistics show that these children are amply cared for with less expense than those of other denominations in the State. Your committee would recommend that each and every member of this association give liberally and regularly to this God appointed work. S. A. A.

After remarks by W. A. Parker, J. J. Pipkins and M. M. Danzey, and a collection for the Home of $8.10, the report was adopted.

C. H. Morgan read report on Education. After speeches by W. A. Parker, J. H. Creighton, J. J. Pipkins and C. H. Morgan, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is a very comprehensive term, embracing as it does in the mind of your committee the develope, the cultivation and the elevation of the physical, mental and spiritual man. Hence it is not a subject of secondary importance. The educational interest in Alabama, and I may say throughout the Southern States, has passed through evolutions and revolution, yet amidst storms and tempest we have reached a mightier level and a truer conception of the necessity and beauty of education. We have learned from the pages of experience that intelligence and wealth have ever held ignorance and poverty in chains. One of the hopeful features of the present is that our people are beginning to see why the Jews rule the money, and that brain dominates muscle. Our people are realizing that it is impossible to make men free as long as they are ignorant. Ignorance means slavery; its only heritage is servitude. There is nothing that will save us from oppression and a deeper degree of political corruption save education. A growing intelligenee must work out our emancipation. It is with pleasure and pride that your committee report that our Baptist schools, Judson at Marion, and Howard at Eastlake, are meeting with general and hearty patronage, and that our achool at Thomasville is moving on nicely under the management of Prof. Pugh.

On motion of W. A. Parker the association agreed to add the Howard College to its list of objects of benevolence, and the churches requested to take annual collections for the same until the debt of the college is paid.

The committee on preaching announced that J. J. Pipkins was appointed to preach at the Baptist Church, and C. H. Morgan at the Methodist Church, at 7:30 p. m.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

The association was called to order at 9:30 a. m. Prayer by W. A. Parker. W. A. Parker read the report on State Missions:

State missions in Alabama is managed under the auspices of the State Board of Missions which, in co-operation with the Home and Foreign Boards, has in charge all the mission interest in the State. No problem confronts the Baptist people of Alabama to-day fraught with more importance than the State Mission question. We, so far as State missions are concerned, are still in the formative state, whereas we should have past the day of experiments, and should now be reaping over the State the spiritual benefits of perfect development. There are reasons for this: 1st. Lack of general confidence in the wisdom of the men who are on the board; 2d. Lack of fellowship one with another, and especially *lack of fellowship and co-operation among pastors;* 3d. Lack of patient application in the prosecution of plans adopted by the leading men *or board.* Your committee would earnestly recommend that as an association, we continue to co-operate with the "State Board of Missions" in the prosecution of whatever plans may be adopted at the next session of the convention. Respectfully submitted. Committee.

The report on Home Missions was read by J. H. Creighton:

Our Home Mission Board which is located in Atlanta with Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D.D., as corresponding Secretary, has done a good work during the past year. The field of the Home Board embraces all the states and territories of the South and the Island of Cuba. During the past year of the Sabbath Baptist Convention the board has had in its employ 467 missionaries, of that number there were three in Alabama. The work is principally in the mountain regions of Virginia, West Vir-

ginia, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana. In these sections of our country there is much destitution, especially in the large cities, the great centres of influence. Richmond is the only large city in the South where the Baptists are stronger than any other denomination. In New Orleans where there is a population of 300,000, there are only 1000 white. In that city the Roman Catholics predominates. As we love our political and religious liberty, we should stand by and support the work of Home Board. The work among the Indians and the negroes is also an important one. We are indebted to both of the races, and in self-defence if there was no higher motive, we should evangelize them. The work in Cuba has been hindered on account of the war. The war is now over and the island is open; let us go in and possess it. The amount of money raised and expended by the board last year was $54,251.04, of this amount the South Bethel Association contributed $79.38. During the last convention year our missionaries baptized 4,739 persons, constituted 103 churches, organized 297 Sunday schools. This is some of the work our Home Board is doing. As our population increases the work of the board also increases. In view of this fact, let us increase our contribution to this work.

J. H. Creighton, Chairman.

P. J. W. DeWitt read report on Foreign Missions:

As to the doctrine of missions we deem it unnecessary to say anything to Missionary Baptist, further than to recommend a more earnest study of God's word and to be more faithful in prayer. As to the importance of the work, the engaging in it is essential to honoring the Master, by obedience, as he has positively commanded it. We believe that to engage in the work is essential to incurring the blessings of God, upon us as a denomination as churches and individual Christian. Again the importance of mission work is estimated by the value of souls for mission work, is directly and indirectly preaching. This truth forces on us the questions of Paul; how can they call on him of whom they have not heard, how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach unless they be sent as to the facts in connection with foreign missions as being done by Southern Baptist. We have about the same fields occupied by about the same missionaries. There is still from headquarters this same report of success in all the fields with increasing demand for more workers, and the same report that large numbers are asking to be sent, but can't for the want of means. God's people should cease to economize in the matter of saving souls. Statistics show that in the six foreign fields occupied by the Southern Baptist, that during the last conventional year that there were 102 churches, 92 out stations, 76 missionaries, 701 baptized. The financial condition of our board is more gratifying. In 1896 the indebtedness of our board was $31,900.71 at that convention. Everything was reported paid and a balance on hand of $2,975.96. From these figures we believe there is some increase of interest among our Southern Baptist to press forward in this God commanded work of foreign missions. In view of what has accomplished we should, with grateful hearts, look back over the past years as our fathers laid foundations, and we have entered into their labors. Since 1891 our missionaries have baptized 4,122 professsed believers. Surely, we have here great cause for gratitude and fresh incitement for more vigorous effort. Much has been accomplished, but we are not yet claiming what we might do. Let us remember that nearly two hundred workers, including missionaries and native helpers, represent us on foreign fields. God, through them, is leading us on. Let us follow. Throughout our borders let earnest prayer go up to God that this year may be one in which His power and presence may be graciously manifested on us, and in us, for this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. W. DeWitt and J. W. Mathews, Committee.

Each chairman of committees representing the boards of their reports. G. L. Sutton, W. A. Tharp, W. V. Vice and J. J. Pipkins, spoke on missions generally.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

At 1:30 p. m the association was called to order by the Moderator. L. A. Williamson led the association in prayer.

The treasurer made the following report which was received and adopted:

Oct. 3, 1897. J. H. CREIGHTON, In Acc't with South Bethel Association.

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Oct. 3.	To am't rec'd from Finance Committee	$260	30	
3.	Received from J. S. Burr	5	00	
6.	Received from Putnam	3	30	
6.	Received from Rockville	2	40	
12.	Received from Amity	1	55	
12.	Received from Jackson		50	$273 05

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Oct. 3.	By am't paid W. A. Parker	$174	88	
3.	Paid L. A. Williamson	21	00	
3.	Paid Mrs. C. DeWitt	10	50	
4.	Mrs. E. S. Hickson	10	60	
5.	Mrs. Averett	10	60	
19.	W. C. Bledsoe	4	50	
19.	Printing and distributing minutes	40	87	$273 05

The roll was called and corrected.

The committee to whom the report on Bible and Colportage work was referred made the following report:

After careful consideration of the recommendations contained in the report on Bible and Colportage work, we, your committee to whom it was referred, beg leave to suggest that the recommendations are impracticable.

W. A. PARKER,
C. H. MORGAN.
J. H. CREIGHTON, } Committee.

The reports were then adopted.

On motion a Board of Suffrage was appointed, consisting of W. A. Parker, J. H. Creighton, S. A. Adams, G. P. Crenshaw, Geo. F. Nichols. The board was instructed to confer with the Bethel Association and try to effect a plan to put a Colportuer in the field. The association agreed to appropriate $100.00 of the State Missions funds for that purpose.

The committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests made the following report which was adopted:

We, your committee, would suggest that any brother visiting sister associations be authorized to represent us. We recommend that J. H. Creighton preach the introductory sermon at the next session of our body, and W. A. Parker alternate. We recommend as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, S. A. Adams; as alternates, J. H. Fendly, W. A. Parker and J. H. Creighton. We further recommend that J. R. Cowan, R. R. Benson, G. S. Chapman, T. J. Primm, W. A. Parker, J. H. Creighton, Wm. Kennedy and M. H. Robinson be appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention. We also recommend that the next meeting of this body be held with the Thomasville Baptist Church at Thomasville, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1898. We find a petition from Fulton Church asking membership with us, which

has already been granted and the delegates enrolled. There is a request from Canetouchy Church for financial aid, which we recommend be referred to Board of Reference. Respectfully submitted,

E. D. Adams,
J. W. Mathews,
M. M. Danzey,
} Committee.

The committee on Preaching reported that W. V. Vice was appointed to preach at the Baptist church and G. L. Sutton at the Methodist church, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned till 9:30 Sunday.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

The association was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by Henry White. The report on Temperance was read as follows:

Your committee on Temperance find about the same condition of things that has existed here for a number of years. From what we have seen and from statements that have been made in our legislature we think that the South Bethel Association has cause to congratulate itself and to thank God for the success of the Temperance cause in its territory and in this part of the State. Many of us doubted the permanency of our prohibition legislation when it was first enacted, but our people have seen its good results and the law grows stronger with age and experience. We know that there are constant violations of this law, as of all other laws, but it is far better than no law. Let us keep this law and endeavor to educate the people to a more faithful observance of it.

Isaac Grant, Chairman.

After remarks by J. H. Creighton, G. L. Sutton, W. A. Tharp and W. V. Vice, the report was adopted.

W. D. Dunn and J. W. Mathews were ordered to report on Woman's Work, and requested to report in the afternoon.

W. D. Dunn read the following report on Sunday Schools:

Your committee, with a heart full of gratitude, beg leave to report that this work is on a higher and firmer plane than ever before. There is a livelier interest and a renewed zeal shown in this work throughout this association, born from a better knowledge and a clearer conception of its aims, advantages and benefits. The scales have fallen from the eyes of many, and they see as never before their duty as citizens, parents and christians. We feel that this condition is in answer to the many prayers that have been offered that the eyes of the people might be opened, and they now see, in all its fullness, the majesty, power, loving kindness and protecting care of the Father. While much has been done, much more can be done, and in order that we may still keep marching forward, your committee would recommend that our ministers devote a few minutes just preceding each sermon in presenting the claims of the Sabbath school cause. Respectfully submitted,

W. D. Dunn, Chairman.

Your committee further recommends that this association appoint some brother to be known as the Superintendent of the Sunday school work, and who shall be chairman of the committee of Sunday school cause, to whom shall be made the reports on Sunday schools at least thirty days before the convening of this association.

After speeches by W. D. Dunn, J. W. Mathews and others,

the report was adopted. A collection was taken for ministerial education, which amounted to $5.20.

The association took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

The association was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by W. A. Tharp.

The committee on Finance made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee having finished their work, beg leave to report as follows:

Contributions from the churches for missions.

State	cash	$28	00	vouchers	$143	07	Total	$161 07
Home	"	57	65	"	18	50	"	76 15
Foreign	"	62	16	"	26	41	"	88 57
Indigent Ministers	"	30	45	"	1	50	"	31 95
Bible and Col	"	5	50	"	11	63	"	17 13
Ministerial Ed	"	24	05	"	70	97	"	95 02
Orphan's Home	"	29	20	"	44	13	"	73 33
Howard College	"		50				"	50
Minutes	"	35	55				"	35 55
Collection at Assoc'n		13	30				"	13 30
Total		$286	36		$306	21		$592 57

A. J. Pace,
H. P. W. Howell,
J. S. Finch,
} Committee.

W. D. Dunn read the following report on Woman's Work:

Your committee regret that their report is necessarily meagre, but the reports from the various churches do not show what our women are doing. So far as we are informed there has been no new ladies' aid societies organized since the meeting of this association. We still have two such societies, one at Jackson and the other at Thomasville. That they are doing a good work we are convinced, for, are they not engaged in the work of their Master? We recommend that our ministers give more attention to this work and endeavor to impress upon our women the importance of it, and the rich reward that awaits them for labor well performed in their peculiar field.

Miss Evie Kimball,
J. W. Matthews,
Wm. D. Dunn.
} Committee.

After remarks by W. D. Dunn and W. D. Tharp, the report was adopted.

W. A. Tharp offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the South Bethel Association tender thanks to the Peniel Church and vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this association, also, to the Methodist Church for the use of their house of worship during this session of our body.

On motion, the treasurer be instructed to pay over all funds in his hands to the proper persons, and that he be allowed $15 out of the funds for minutes for his services, and that he have as many copies of minutes published as the balance of the money will pay for.

The work of the association having been finished the association adjourned to meet at Thomasville, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1899.

J. H. Creighton, Clerk. C. W. BURGE, Moderator.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—R. K. Benson, Jas. V. Stringer, J. H. Collins.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Matthews, John McGilberry, T. L. Williams.

Religious Literature—J. H. Fendley, W. A. Tharp, L. A. Williams.

Education—E. Stewart Pugh, W. L. Henderson Dr. J. E. Nichols.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Lillie Chapman, Miss Sallie McIver, Miss L. C. Cleveland.

State Missions—S. A. Adams, J. H. Creighton, A. W. Etheredge.

Home Mission—C. H. Morgan, J. S. Finch, D. A. Megginson.

Foreign Missions—W. A. Parker, F. J. Cowan, J. W. Armistead.

Temperance—Isaac Grant, J. R. Cowan, J. D. Harper.

Sunday Schools—W. L. Henderson, Dr. G. S. Chapman, E D. Adams.

Order of Business—J. H. Creighton, J. W. Cunningham, J. B. Cleveland.

Executive Committee—W. A. Parker, J. H. Creighton, S. A. Adams, G. E. Nichols. G. P. Crenshaw.

Bible and Colportage Work—R. J. W. DeWitt, Henry White, W. H. Bell.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. J. W. DeWitt .....Jackson, Ala.	L. H. Williamson..Grove Hill, Ala.
Wm. Hill..... ..... Whatley, Ala.	C. H. Morgan ...L. Peach Tree, Ala.
J. V. Stringer .. ..Jackson, Ala.	J. H. Creighton.....Whatley, Ala.
S. A. Adams.....Thomasville, Ala.	W. A. Tharp .... Vashti, Ala.
W. A. Parker.....Thomasville, Ala.	Wm. Kerridge ....Thomasville, Ala.
J. H. Fendley..... ..... Fulton, Ala.	R. J. Rodger ....Whatley, Ala.
A. W. Etheridge.. ... McIntyre, Ala.	E. R. Vaughan..... McIntosh, Ala.
J. D. Hudson.....Thomasville, Ala.	J. D. Harper .... Salitpa, Ala.
W. W. Whatley ....Winn, Ala.	W. B Moritz.....Thomasville, Ala.
R. K. Benson .....Nettleboro, Ala.	L. C. DeWitt.....Thomasville, Ala.

AMOUNT ASKED FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION.

Churches	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Ministerial Education	Indigent Ministers	Bible and Colportage	Howard College	Total for each Church
Amity	$ 6 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 50	$ 1 50	$20 00
Antioch	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Ashberry	1 50	75	75	75	50	50	25	50	5 50
Bassett's Creek	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 25	15 00
Cane Creek	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 25	15 00
Canetouchy	1 50	75	75	50	50	50	10	40	5 00
Clarkesville	1 50	75	75	50	50	50	10	40	5 00
Deep Creek	20 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	1 00	5 00	64 00
Elam	10 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	50	2 50	34 00
Enon	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 50	20 00
Evergreen	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Forest Springs	15 00	7 50	7 50	6 50	6 25	6 25	1 00	5 00	55 00
Friendship	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Good Hope	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Fulton	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	25	75	15 50
Good Will	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Grove Hill	20 00	10 00	10 00	8 00	9 00	8 00	1 00	3 50	70 00
Hoboken	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 50	20 00
Horeb	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 25	15 00
Hopewell	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Independence	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
Indian Springs	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 25	15 00
Jackson	15 00	7 50	7 50	6 50	6 25	6 25	1 00	5 00	55 00
L. Peach Tree	7 00	3 50	3 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 50	25 00
Mt. Gilead	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 50	20 00
Mt. Vernon	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 50	20 00
Midway	7 00	3 50	3 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 50	25 00
New Prospect	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 25	15 00
Peniel	7 00	3 50	3 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 50	25 00
Pine Hill	12 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	45 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	25	2 00	17 25
Putnam	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	25	1 25	15 00
Red Bud	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	25	75	10 50
River Hill	10 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	50	2 50	35 00
Rockville	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	50	10 00
Round Hill	1 50	75	75	50	50	50	10	40	5 00
Salem	7 00	3 50	3 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 50	25 00
Suggsville	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	25	50	10 00
Stave Creek	3 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	2 50	12 00
Thomasville	20 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	1 00	7 80	75 00
Ulconush	9 00	4 50	4 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	75	1 50	30 00
West Bend	7 00	3 50	3 50	3 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 60	25 00
Witch Creek	6 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	50	1 50	20 00

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1898.

CHURCHES	Missions									Home Expenses				
	State	Home	Foreign	Bible and Colportage	Indigent Ministers	Ministerial Education	Orphans' Home	Minutes	Totals	Pastors' Salary	Repairs, etc.	Sunday Schools, etc.	Grand Totals	Value of Church Property
Amity	$ 3 00	$	$ 1 20	$	$	$ 29 30	$	$ 30	$ 33 50	$ 60 00	$ 25 00	$	$ 118 50	$ 500 00
Antioch	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	25	50	55	60	5 90	25 00	.....	.....	30 90	400 00
Asberry	95	70	40	10	30	65	30	20	3 55	25 00	.....	3 00	31 55	300 00
Bassett's Creek	1 05	75	75	.....	50	.....	50	1 00	4 55	40 50	.....	2 00	43 05	400 00
Cane Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
Canetouchy	1 00	.....	95	.....	.....	.....	25	25	2 45	.....	.....	.....	2 45	200 00
Clarkesville	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	50 00	.....	3 00	54 50	400 00
Deep Creek	19 90	13 00	11 00	1 00	4 00	6 50	8 00	1 00	64 40	150 00	25 00	5 00	244 40	500 00
Elam	4 86	3 70	7 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	17 46	100 00	.....	8 00	125 46	500 00
Enon	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 50	1 00	1 20	1 50	8 20	75 00	.....	4 00	87 20	500 00
Evergreen	6 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	1 00	7 73	50 00	.....	2 00	66 04	200 00
Forest Springs	18 00	8 35	8 00	.....	2 10	5 00	12 75	1 50	56 00	200 00	.....	5 00	261 00	600 00
Friendship	50	75	50	.....	50	.....	50	70	3 45	.....	.....	.....	3 45	125 00
Fulton	3 05	1 50	1 36	50	50	3 54	50	75	11 20	100 00	.....	.....	111 20	1000 00
Good Hope	1 12	.....	1 65	2 20	.....	.....	.....	60	5 57	50 00	.....	4 00	59 57	300 60
Grove Hill	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 30	14 00	.....	2 00	21 30	180 00	.....	10 00	291 30	1000 00
Hoboken	2 00	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 00	75 00	.....	.....	83 00	600 00
Horeb	2 80	45	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	5 10	75 00	.....	1 00	84 10	800 00
Hopewell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
Independence	70	15	15	.....	80	.....	1 00	40	3 20	50 00	.....	4 00	57 20	300 00
Indian Springs	3 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 85	50 00	.....	.....	53 85	300 00
Jackson	5 05	2 00	5 75	9 43	1 00	.....	5 60	1 00	29 83	150 00	.....	10 00	189 83	800 00
Lower Peach Tree	16 19	2 50	3 81	.....	.....	2 72	6 38	75	32 35	100 00	100 00	4 00	236 35	850 00
Mt. Gilead	1 95	1 40	1 20	.....	1 20	1 00	1 05	1 00	8 80	75 00	.....	4 00	77 80	500 00
Mt. Vernon	25	35	25	.....	25	.....	35	70	2 15	75 00	.....	5 00	82 15	500 00
Midway	1 75	1 00	1 00	50	2 00	2 50	1 30	1 25	11 00	100 00	.....	12 00	121 00	500 00
New Prospect	.....	2 00	1 50	50	25	50	.....	1 00	5 75	75 00	300 00	3 00	380 75	400 00
Peniel	7 50	3 70	3 20	.....	1 50	1 50	1 45	70	19 55	50 00	40 00	3 00	112 55	600 00
Pine Hill	12 00	6 00	6 00	.....	3 50	5 00	7 50	2 90	42 90	150 00	.....	6 00	198 90	1300 00
Pleasant Grove	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	60	2 00	50	1 00	7 60	60 00	2 50	.....	69 10	400 00
Putnam	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Red Bud	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00
River Hill	6 00	3 00	3 00	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	19 00	100 00	.....	6 00	125 00	500 00
Rockville	1 00	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	50	3 05	40 00	.....	3 00	46 05	300 00
Round Hill	1 25	1 00	1 00	.....	75	.....	1 35	50	5 85	50 00	.....	.....	58 85	300 00
Salem	2 00	1 00	1 00	60	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	11 60	112 50	.....	4 30	138 40	400 00
Suggsville	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	50	50	4 50	75 00	25 00	.....	104 50	600 00
Stave Creek	1 50	50	50	45	75	.....	75	75	5 20	.....	.....	.....	5 20	350 00
Thomasville	26 25	7 50	11 25	.....	.....	9 36	9 75	1 50	.....	500 00	50 00	50 00	665 61	2000 00
Econush	2 55	1 25	1 25	.....	.....	30	.....	2 00	7 35	100 00	.....	5 00	112 35	500 00
West Bend	10 50	5 25	5 25	85	4 40	4 35	4 40	1 00	35 00	125 00	.....	5 00	171 00	600 00
Witch Creek	4 50	2 25	2 25	50	50	80	50	1 50	12 80	100 00	.....	.....	112 80	300 00
Collections at Associations	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 20	8 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$177 38	$76 58	$39 02	$17 13	$31 95	$100 22	$81 43	$36 85	$632 34	$34 25	$567 50	$175 00	$4799 81	$11775 00

STATISTICS OF SOUTH BETHEL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1898.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR	CLERK'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND POSTOFFICE	Memb'p last report'd	INCREASE			DECREASE				Present Membership	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils	Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Revival
						By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter.	By Exclusion	By Erasure	By Death					
Amity	Clarke		J. W. Whatley, Whatley		58	9	1	1	2	1		1	65			2	1
Antioch	Clarke	R. K. Benson	H. C. Cabiness, Nealton		39		2		6	1			34			1	
Asberry	Clarke	L. A. Williamson	W. J. Hicks, Whatley		19					1				3	25	1	
Bassett's Creek	Clarke	R. J. W. DeWitt	T. B. Daniel, Fulton	B. N. Dewitt, Fulton	147	5			31	1		2	118	4	25	3	
*Cane Creek	Wilcox				74								74				
Canetoneby	Clarke	R. J. W. DeWitt	S. H. Johnson, Salitpa	S. H. Johnson, Nealton	19	4	4		4			1	27	1	20	1	
Clarkesville	Clarke	J. H. Creighton	V. A. Coates, Clarksville	Dr. T. Pugh, Grove Hill	22		1					1	20	3	30	2	
Deep Creek	Marengo	W. H Dewitt	G. F. Nichols, Nicholsville	G. F. Nichols, Nicholsville	98	14		1	12	4		2	87	3	40	1	
Elam	Clarke	W. H. Dewitt	P L.Williams, Tallahassee Sp.	W. T. Jarvis, Glover	153	9	1	1	6	4		2	152	8	70	2	
Enon	Wilcox	J. H. Fendley	B. F. Weatherby, Pine Hill	J. A. Kane, Sunny South	89	4	3	2	1	2	1		94	4	20	3	
Evergreen	Clarke	E. R. Vaughan	J. S. Harris, Glendon	A. Adams, Glendon	29	3	1	1	2	2			33	6	25	3	
Forest Springs	Marengo	J. J. Pipkins	J. D. Little, Morvin	G. P. Crenshaw, Morvin	171	23	3	11	2	10		1	195	4	48	3	
Friendship	Clarke	A. W. Ethridge	J. E. Purvis, Rosenborg		54	3	4		4				57				
Fulton	Clarke	J. H. Fendley	Charles Hendley, Fulton	—. Stokes, Fulton			3						34	3	30	1	
*Good Will	Clarke	R. K. Benson			32								32			3	
Good Hope	Clarke	J H. Creighton	W. F. Pugh, Grove Hill	J. D Williamson, Grove Hill	45				3				43	4	40	1	
Grove Hill	Clarke	J. M Roden	Clayton Foscue, Grove Hill	W. D. Dunn, Grove Hill	134	4	1		3				135	8	90	1	
Hoboken	Marengo	J. L. Tucker	M. M. Tucker, Nicholsville		116	6	4	2	2	5			121				
Horeb	Clarke	Wm. Kerridge	T. J Creighton, Whatley	R. L. Howell, Whatley	51				4				47	3	20	1	
*Hopewell	Clarke	A. W. Ethridge			97								97				
Independence	Wilcox	C. H. Morgan	Green Privett, Sunny South	Green Privett, Sunny South	46	8	4	1	3				57	3	30	2	
*Indian Springs	Marengo	Wm. Kerridge	W. B. Doyle, Clay Hill		69								69				
Jackson	Clarke	S. A. Adams	G. S. Chapman, Jackson	G. S. Chapman, Jackson	34	1	11		2				49	6	70	3	
L Peach Tree	Wilcox	C. H. Morgan	M. Adams, L. Peach Tree	J. W. Gibson, L. Peach Tree	38	3	2						43	6	30	2	
Mt. Gilead	Clarke	W. V. Vice	J. N. Jones, Glendon	J. B. Nixon Nichola	59				4				55	3	35	4	
Mt. Vernon	Clarke	J. H. Fendley	T. F. Fendley, Atkinson	A. W. Morgan, Sunny South	63			1	1				63	3	30	2	
Midway	Clarke	J H. Fendley	C. W. Burge, Thomasville	D.A.Megginson, Thomasville	149	8	13		8	1	7	1	153	18	140	4	
New Prospect	Clarke	A. W. Ethridge	B. A Clanton, McIntyre		85	14	11	2	2		1	1	111			4	
Peniel	Clarke	J. H. Creighton	M. F. Flemming, Nealton	J. A. Bolen, Nealton	86		2	1	1				88	3	20	2	
Pine Hill	Wilcox	J. M. Roden	E. L. Swearingen, Pine Hill	E. D. Adams, Pine Hill	88	8	6		3			3	96	7	65	4	
Pleasant Grove	Clarke	L. A. Williamson	I. J. Pitman, Tattilaba		127	5			8		2		121				
*Putnam	Marengo	Wm. Kerridge			70												
*Red Bud	Washington	J. V. Stringer			47												
River Hill	Clarke	J H. Creighton	G. J. Primm, Salitpa	Henry White, Salitpa	118	6	4		12			5	111	5	35	3	
Rockville	Clarke	J. V. Stringer	Fletcher Blackwell, Singleton	R. C. Blackwell, Singleton	38	3			2			2	39	4	15	3	
Round Hill	Clarke	Wm Kerridge	J. A. Spinks, Thomasville		54	1	1	1	3				55			3	
Salem	Clarke	R. K. Benson	R. L. Kennedy, Nettleboro	C. A. Lovimore, Cobbville	156	10	2	1	13				156	6	75		
Suggsville	Clarke	J. H. Creighton	J. C. Jowers, Suggsville		21	2	1						23				
Stave Creek	Clarke	J. D. Harper	H. P. W. Howell, Jackson	R. K. Hoven, Jackson	48	13		2					63	3	20	1	
Thomasville	Clarke	S. A. Adams	J. G. Cunningham, Thomasv.	W. L.Henderson Thomasville	121	14	16	4	4		2		145	10	140	1 2 4	
Uleomush	Clarke	J. L. Tucker	J. D. Bedwell, Coffeeville	J. E. Purvis, Coffeeville	190	12	9		14				196	6	60	3	
West Bend	Clarke	W. H. Dewitt	W. F. Thornton, West Bend	W. A. Pace, West Bend	59				4				55	3	18	4	
Witch Creek	Clarke	J. L. Tucker	L. E. Martin, Cunningham		103		5		4			2	98			2	
TOTALS					3553	182	118	32	169	31	13	22	3647	148	1106		

*Not represented as last reported.